

1 **What Is Claimed Is**

2 1. A pet house made of paper including:

- 3 □ a house-shaped box including a front wall defining a door, a rear
4 wall and two lateral walls, the front and rear walls both including
5 an upper portion extending above the lateral walls;
6 □ at least one reinforcement device mounted on the lateral walls;
7 and
8 □ a roof mounted on the upper portions of the front and rear walls
9 and the reinforcement device.

10 2. The pet house according to claim 1 wherein each of the lateral walls
11 includes a plurality of windows defined therein.

12 3. The pet house according to claim 1 including a shutter for closing the
13 door.

14 4. The pet house according to claim 3 including a U-shaped frame
15 attached to the front wall about the door for receiving the shutter.

16 5. The pet house according to claim 3 wherein the shutter defines a slot
17 for facilitating operation thereof.

18 6. The pet house according to claim 1 wherein the roof includes two ribs
19 attached thereto so as to enhance its rigidity.

20 7. The pet house according to claim 6 wherein the ribs are outside the
21 box.

22 8. The pet house according to claim 7 including a spacer attached to the
23 front wall around the door for keeping the shutter from one of the ribs,
24 thus ensuring smooth operation of the shutter.

25 9. The pet house according to claim 1 wherein the reinforcement device
26 includes at least one rib.

- 1 10. The pet house according to claim 9 wherein the reinforcement device
2 includes two ribs.
- 3 11. The pet house according to claim 9 wherein the rib defines a slit in
4 each end for receiving one of the lateral walls, thus keeping the
5 reinforcement device on the lateral walls.
- 6 12. The pet house according to claim 9 wherein each of the lateral walls
7 defines a slit for receiving an end of the rib, thus keeping the
8 reinforcement device on the lateral walls.
- 9 13. The pet house according to claim 1 including two reinforcement
10 devices.
- 11 14. The pet house according to claim 9 wherein the rib includes a
12 connector and two strips connected with each other through the
13 connector.
- 14 15. The pet house according to claim 14 wherein the connector is a
15 trapezoidal strip.
- 16 16. The pet house according to claim 14 wherein the connector includes a
17 first portion, a second portion extending from the first portion and a
18 third portion extending from the second portion and in parallel to the
19 first portion, and an end of each strip is put between and attached to
20 the first and second portions of each connector.

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